

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/05/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-16, 18-22, 24-28; renumbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 3, 13, 10, 16 respectively.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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9. Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joe Wrkich on 11/27/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 17 and 23 have been cancelled.

Claim 11 has been changed to the following:

A process for keeping and/or restoring communications within a network with planned resources, said network comprising stations arranged in at least one group, wherein each group includes at least two stations linked together, and links between the at least two stations can change with time, the process comprising:

associating a dummy station to one of said at least one group, the dummy station comprising resources keeping an image of the communications existing in the at least one group, the dummy station not participating in the communications itself and configured to materialize into a real station, wherein the resources are allocated to the at least two stations in the at least one group;

setting-up at least one relay station configured to keep and/or to restore communications between the at least two stations of the at least one group, based on information about how a group structure evolves; and

reallocating resources of the dummy station to the at least one relay station after said setting-up, based on the information about how the group structure evolves;

wherein said network comprises a L16 multifunctional information distribution system (MIDS) land network.

Claim 20 has been changed to the following:

A system to keep and/or restore communications within a network with planned resources, said network comprising stations arranged in at least one group, wherein each group includes at least two stations linked together, and links between the at least two stations can change with time, the system comprising:

a dummy station in connection with a group, comprising resources keeping an image of the communications existing in the at least one group, the resources allocated to stations in the group, the dummy station not participating in the communications itself and configured to materialize into a real station;

a device configured to determine how a structure of the group changes;

at least one relay station configured to keep and/or restore communications between the at least two stations of the group; and

a device configured to reallocate resources of the dummy station to the at least one relay station;

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wherein said network comprises a L16 multifunctional information distribution system (MIDS) land network.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Roberts whose telephone number is (571) 272-3095. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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